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SUBJECT: KHMER IN UNGA

REF: TOKYO 15303

FOR GLEYSTEN FROM HUMMEL

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU VARIOUS TELS ON KHMER ISSUE IN UNGA, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. KOREA ITEM WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL. IT IS UNLIKELY WE WILL HAVE ANY UPDATE INFORMATION FROM UNGA SETTING NEW YORK DURING SUNDAY, BUT WE WILL BE ALERT FOR ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE REPORTED. TELS FROM US EMBASSIES ABROAD MAY BRING CHANGES IN VOTE COUNT, AND IF THEY DO WE WILL INFORM YOU SUNDAY OUR TIME.

2. AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS SATURDAY, THERE WERE PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT SIHANOUK MIGHT FLY FROM PEKING TO ALGIERS, IN ORDER TO BE IN POSITION TO GO QUICKLY TO NEW YORK. WE DOUBT THESE RUMORS HAVE FOUNDATION, AND IN ANY CASE WE DOUBT SIHANOUK WOULD GO TO NEW YORK BEFORE VICTORY VOTE FOR GRUNK.

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3. YOU WILL SEE FROM SEPTELS THAT KOREA ITEM WILL BE IN

FIRST COMITE MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AFTER WHICH THAT COMITE
WILL ADJOURN SO THAT KHMER ITEM, ON WHICH DEBATE STARTS
IN PLENARY MONDAY, WILL HAVE CLEAR FIELD. KHMER VOTING

ESTIMATES REMAIN VERY DICEY, WITH POSSIBLE SLIM MAJORITY
FOR OUR SIDE ON BOTH PROCEDURE AND SUBSTANCE, BUT WITH
CONTINUING POSSIBILITY THAT ACCIDENTS AND PRESSURES
COULD AFFECT OUTCOME UNPREDICTABLY.

4. TONE OF CHINESE RESPONSE TO WIN LORD'S SUGGESTION FOR
POSTPONEMENT DISTINCTLY COOL, AND WE SHOULD EXPECT NO
COOPERATION FROM CHINESE, WHO ARE FULLY AND PUBLICLY
COMMITTED TO SUPPORT FOR GRUNK VICTORY.

5. BELIEVE TALKING POINTS IN BRIEFING BOOK STILL VALID.
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